and, in addition, in respect of United States patent 6,696,164.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of Claims 22-45 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, Applicant hereby petitions consideration of recently discovered references and, in this regard, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with currently accepted practice, copies the prior art reference are not enclosed herewith. These documents may be found in the PTO files for the related applications mentioned in the first paragraph on page 1 of the present application. The petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) may be charged to Deposit Account No. 07-1750.

It is believed that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

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